(d) Yes, Sir. A dual pricing system for kerosene which envisaged sale of TO per cent of the quantity of kerosene allocated to each State/ Union Territory at subsidised price for distribution to weaker and vulnerable sections of society and the balance 30 per cent at non-subsidised price to others, which was introduced with effect from the 15th February, 1983, and wa- withdrawn with effect from the 18th March, 1983, as the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations experienced difficulties in implementing it.

Mail Delivery in Lucknow and Atigarj$_f$

541. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI. Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Lucknow and Ahgarh there are now no afternoon mail deliveries and the ordinary mail is delivered only once in a day: and

(b) what measure$_s$ Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ' (SHRI RAM NIWAS MTR-DHA): (n) No, it is not a fact.

(b) Question does not arise.

Modernisation of Digboi Refinery Plant

542. SHRI BUOY KRISHNA HANDIQUE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

• (a) whether in the context of increased crude oil availability in the North East Region Government have any plan for expansion and modernisation of Digboi refinery; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating the present position of the Plan and the schedule for implementation of such a Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL Kf SHORE SHARMA): (a) and (b) Modernisation of Digboi refinery is being considered and Indian Oil Corporation has been requested to prepare a feasibility Report. Details will be known after the Feasiblity Report is received.

Survey of areas for Oil and Gas

543. SHRI LEONARD SOLOMAN SARING:

SHRI M. BASAVARAJU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the areas which are proposed to be surveyed for oil and gas during the next two years;;
and

(b) the names of the areas where digging (or oil an^ gas i$_s$ proposed to be undertaken during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Th$_e$ areas which are proposed to be surveyed for oil and ga$_s$ during the next two years are: —

On-Land

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam Arakan fold
3. Bengal
4. Cauvery
5. Cambay
6. Ganga Valley
7. Himalayan Foothills
8. Krishna-Godavari
9. Kutch-Saurashtra
10. Rajasthan
11. Vindhyah basin
12. Upper Assam